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## Vegetable Crops Tabulated

OLYMPIA, Wash. July 11, 2006 -- Vegetable growers benefited from a wet winter in Washington according to the USDA, NASS, Washington Field Office. Precipitation amounts were above normal for the winter and spring in Washington State, supplying ample water for irrigation. Acreage of green peas, at 33,000 acres, declined from 2005, with a lower expected average yield of 2.40 tons per acre. 83,800 acres were planted to sweet corn, up 2 percent from 2005, but still down 13 percent from 2004.

Non-storage onion producers showed optimism in the 2006 crop, increasing acreage to 1,500 acres and expecting a yield of 380 cwt. per acre. Storage onion acreage remained constant at 19,500 acres.

Summer, Non-Storage Onions: U.S. production of non-storage onions is forecast at 10.9 million cwt, down 3 percent from last year. Harvested area covers 21,000 acres, up 6 percent from 2005. California non-storage summer onion growers noted rain delays during planting. Mild temperatures and timely rainfall after planting helped the crop to progress well. Some mildew problems were reported due to wet conditions. Nevada growers report the onion fields look very good. Heavy winter snowfall provided for more than adequate irrigation supplies. New Mexico growers report the onion crop to be in fair to excellent condition. Harvest is well underway and is 60 percent complete.

Summer, Storage Onions: U.S. growers expect to harvest 110,650 acres of storage onions this year, up 4 percent from last year for comparable States. In California, rain delayed planting of the summer onion crop. After planting was complete, mild temperatures and timely rainfall helped the crop to progress well. Some mildew problems were reported due to wet conditions. In Idaho, adequate prices influenced an increase of onion acres. In Malheur County Oregon, wet weather during the spring hindered planting. Many growers experienced a late planting season. Growing conditions, after planting was completed, have been reported to be fair to good. In the "Other Area" of Oregon, planting was delayed due to very wet conditions during spring. Rain, hail, and high winds during May reduced crop potential in North Central Oregon.

Green Peas: National contracted production is forecast at 416,890 tons, up 10 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 212,900 acres, is up 1 percent from 2005. The expected yield, at 1.96 tons per acre, is 0.17 tons more than a year ago. Area contracted for planting, at 221,500 acres, is up 3 percent from 2005. Area contracted for canning, at 102,100 acres, is up 9 percent from last year. Area contracted for freezing, at 119,400 acres, is down 2 percent from 2005. In Minnesota, cold, wet conditions slowed planting during the first half of May. By May 28, the crop was 98 percent planted, 10 percentage points ahead of last season. Idaho's pea crop is in very good condition. Due to frequent rainfall in eastern Oregon, bacterial blight has been reported in some green pea fields.

Sweet Corn: U.S. processors contracted 401,100 acres for harvest in 2006, down 5 percent from last year. Canning area, at 206,400 acres, is down 15 percent from 2005. Area contracted for freezing, at 194,700 acres, is up 9 percent from last year. In Oregon, sweet corn was developing slowly due to cool temperatures across the State.

The next vegetable report will be October 4, 2006.

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## ONIONS: ACREAGE, YIELD, & PRODUCTION, 2005-2006 1/

Season & State	Area		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	Harvest 2005	Harvest 2006	2005	Indicated 2006	2005	Indicated 2006
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.	
<b>Spring Onion Total 2/</b>	<b>35,300</b>	<b>34,900</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>11,243</b>	<b>13,620</b>
<b>Summer Non-Storage: 2/</b>						
<b>Washington 3/</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>570</b>
California	8,700	9,800	550	460	4,785	4,508
Nevada	2,400	2,300	880	800	2,112	1,840
New Mexico	6,400	6,500	530	550	3,392	3,575
Texas	900	900	370	400	333	360
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>11,140</b>	<b>10,853</b>
<b>Summer Storage: 4/</b>						<b>2005 Crop Shrink. &amp; Loss</b>
<b>Washington</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>19,500</b>	<b>600</b>	-	<b>11,700</b>	<b>1,400</b>
Colorado	9,500	9,500	440	-	4,180	500
Idaho	9,500	9,800	640	-	6,080	850
Michigan	2,900	2,600	260	-	754	150
New York	13,600	13,900	280	-	3,808	650
Oregon: Malheur	11,500	12,000	640	-	7,360	740
Other	7,800	7,400	360	-	2,808	390
Wisconsin	2,000	2,000	330	-	660	70
Other States 5/	1,920	1,950	453	-	869	98
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>106,020</b>	<b>110,650</b>	<b>472</b>	-	<b>50,034</b>	<b>5,098</b>
California 6/	27,800	32,000	425	-	11,815	250
<b>Total Summer Onions</b>	<b>125,820</b>	<b>131,650</b>	<b>486</b>	-	<b>61,174</b>	<b>5,098</b>
<b>U.S. Total Onions</b>	<b>161,120</b>	<b>166,550</b>	<b>449</b>	-	<b>72,417</b>	<b>5,098</b>

1/ Estimates for 2005 revised. Shrinkage and loss for 2006 will be published in the "Vegetable 2006 Summary", released January 2007.

2/ Primarily fresh market. 3/ Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions. 4/ Yield and production for 2006 will be published October 4, 2006. 5/ 2005 and 2006: OH and UT. 6/ Primarily dehydrated and other processing.

## GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING

State	Harvested Acres			Yield/Acre		Production		
	2005		Ind. 2006	2005	Ind. 2006	2005		Ind. 2006
	Total	Contract 1/	Contract 1/	Total	Contract 1/	Total	Contract 1/	Contract 1/
	Acres			Tons		Tons		
Delaware	6,000	6,000	5,000	1.50	2.20	9,000	9,000	11,000
Minnesota	76,200	76,200	85,800	1.38	1.58	105,100	105,100	135,560
New York	19,900	19,900	18,300	1.49	2.10	29,660	29,660	38,430
Oregon	16,100	16,100	16,900	1.93	2.00	31,040	31,040	33,800
<b>Washington</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>2.54</b>	<b>2.40</b>	<b>85,040</b>	<b>85,040</b>	<b>79,200</b>
Wisconsin	39,400	39,400	33,900	1.87	2.00	73,650	73,650	67,800
Other States 2/	20,500	20,500	20,000	2.22	2.56	45,530	45,530	51,100
<b>U.S. Total 3/</b>	<b>211,600</b>	<b>211,600</b>	<b>212,900</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>1.96</b>	<b>379,020</b>	<b>379,020</b>	<b>416,890</b>

1/ Includes acreage from major brokers. 2/ 2005: CA, ID, IL, MD, and NJ. 2006: ID, IL, MD, and NJ. 3/ 2005 revised.

## SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING (PLANTED AREA)

State	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract Intentions 1/	2006/2005 Contract Change
		Total	Contract 1/		
	Acres				Percent
Delaware 2/	7,300	7,300	7,300		
Minnesota	138,000	143,600	143,600	135,800	94.5%
Oregon	28,500	23,200	23,200	27,100	116.8%
<b>Washington</b>	<b>96,100</b>	<b>81,900</b>	<b>81,900</b>	<b>83,800</b>	<b>102.3%</b>
Wisconsin	80,700	97,400	96,800	83,800	86.6%
Other States 3/	62,100	68,210	68,210	70,600	93.5%
<b>U.S. Total</b>	<b>412,700</b>	<b>421,610</b>	<b>421,010</b>	<b>401,100</b>	<b>95.3%</b>

1/ Includes acreage from major brokers. 2/ 2006 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. 3/ 2004: ID, IL, IA, MD, NJ, NY, PA, TN and VA. 2005: ID, IL, IA, MD, NJ, NY, PA, TN, and VA.. 2006: DE, ID, IL, IA, MD, NJ, NY, PA, and TN.